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33. (New) A composite comprising:

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a) a material comprising a welding fabric welded to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises two welding portions and a fixing portion, wherein said welding portions include a material which melts under hot pressing conditions and said fixing portion is provide with auxiliary fixing means, wherein said two welding portions are attached to the fixing portion so that the two welding portions depend from said fixing portion; and

b) a second substrate to which said material is fixed by said fixing portion. 12 15

34. (New) The composite according to claim 33 wherein said second substrate is selected from the group consisting of columns, stakes, logs, buildings, footings, and sheets.

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Please amend claim 14 as follows:

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14. (Amended) The material according to claim 31 wherein said welding portion extends across the entire width of the welding fabric.

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[Please amend claim 15 as follows:]

15. (Amended) The material according to claim 31 wherein said welding portion extends across part of the width of the welding fabric.

[Please amend claim 16 as follows:]

16. (Amended) The material according to claim 31 wherein said welding portion comprises a warp coated with a thermoplastic material.

[Please amend claim 17 as follows:]

17. (Amended) The material according to claim 31 wherein said welding portion comprises a warp made of fibers coated with a thermoplastic material.

[Please amend claim 19 as follows:]

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19. (Amended) The material according to claim 31 wherein said welding portion is at each end of said welding fabric.

[Please amend claim 20 as follows:]

20. (Amended) The material according to claim 31 wherein said welding portion is in the middle portion of said fabric.

~~[Please amend claim 21 as follows:]~~

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cont. 21. (Amended) ~~The~~ material according to claim 31 comprising two fixing portions connected edge-to-edge with each other.

~~[Please amend claim 23 as follows:]~~

E4 23. (Amended) The material according to claim 33 wherein said two welding portions are attached to the middle of said fixing portion.

~~[Please amend claim 24 as follows:]~~

24. (Amended) The material according to claim 33 wherein said two welding portions are branched from one edge of said fixing portion.

~~[Please amend claim 25 as follows:]~~

25. (Amended) The material according to claim 33 wherein the substrate is any substrate which can be subjected to hot pressing.

Please amend claim 28 as follows:

E5 ~~28. (Amended) The material according to claim 31 wherein said auxiliary fixing means comprises holes bored at a suitable interval in the fixing portion.~~

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~~[Please amend claim 29 as follows:]~~

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29. (Amended) ~~The~~ material according to claim 31
wherein said auxiliary fixing means comprises straps provided
in the fixing portion.
